

# **HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**

**October 27, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on October 27, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Vice-Chairman Jim Adams, Debra Buchanan, Tommy Slaughter, Milton Kendall, and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; County Attorney George Lyle; Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources; and Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant.

Deputy Mike Hooper of the Sheriff's Office was present. Also present was Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin and Ron Morris of B99.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Hall gave the invocation and Mr. Adams led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated that anyone who wishes to be on the agenda for the Board's regular business meeting held at 3:00 p.m. must contact the County Administrator's Office seven days prior to a scheduled meeting. Those wishing to speak at the Board's public meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. may do so under Agenda Item - Matters Presented by the Public without contacting the County Administrator's Office. Mr. Vaughn noted one addition to the agenda.

## **ITEMS OF CONSENT:**

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings**

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- September 22, 2015
- October 20, 2015

### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

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### **Resolution Honoring the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Ridgeway**

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**Resolution Honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ridgeway Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library System**

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Mr. Adams moved the Items of Consent be adopted, seconded by Ms. Buchanan. The motion carried 6 to 0.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – SKIP RESSEL**

Mr. Skip Ressel, President of the I-73 Committee of Martinsville-Henry County, was present to address the Board concerning the I-73 road project and roadblocks to its construction including the scoring application. Mr. Ressel said normally the county administrator is involved in the scoring application process and he does not feel that Mr. Hall is convinced the road could be started. Also present was Linda Green with Congressman Robert Hurt's office. Ms. Green provided an update in response to inquiries submitted by Mr. Kendall pertaining to I-73. (Copy of handouts included in Board's File)

In response to Mr. Ressel's comments, Mr. Hall said the Board heard from VDOT Resident Engineer Lisa Hughes at last month's meeting regarding the scoring process. Ms. Hughes said we did not have enough information to score that project at this time. Mr. Hall said he and staff are fully aware of the process and when we have enough information to score the project, we will proceed forward.

**DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2015 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) ANNUAL MEETING**

Mr. Hall said the 2015 VACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8-10, 2015. Each County is asked to designate a member of its elected Board and an alternate to vote on the County's behalf on any issues that may arise. Mr. Hall said Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Adams are scheduled to attend the annual meeting.

Mr. Adams moved the Board designate Mr. Slaughter as its voting representative at the annual VACo conference and Mr. Vaughn as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Bryant and unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED DEQ STORMWATER REGULATION CHANGES**

Mr. Hall said last year, the Virginia Senate and the Virginia House of Delegates, in response to local government concerns, both passed amendments to the Virginia Stormwater Management Program. These amendments allowed local governments to choose either to manage their own Stormwater Management Programs or to "Opt Out", leaving the administration, implementation and enforcement of the Program to the Virginia Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ). Henry County, along with 54 other Virginia localities chose to "Opt Out". This year, a group organized by DEQ, the Stormwater Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), is proposing the General Assembly again change the Program. The proposed changes are significant because Henry County would not be allowed to continue having DEQ administer and enforce the Virginia Stormwater Management Program. If Henry County is forced to take on this responsibility, it would be at a significant added expense.

Ms. Buchanan moved that the Board adopt the proposed resolution and forward a copy to our State legislative delegation, the DEQ and the Governor's Office, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EFFORTS**

Mr. Scott Grindstaff reviewed the monthly reports on delinquent tax collection efforts. Mr. Grindstaff noted that 97.10% of 2014 personal property taxes have been collected; 94.03% of 2014 real estate taxes; and since January 1, TACS collected approximately \$759,309; and 24 DMV stops were placed in September. In addition, Mr. Grindstaff said a judicial sale is scheduled for December 8 which will include 27 parcels. Mr. Adams requested Mr. Grindstaff to provide a list of the parcels to be sold to the Board.

### **PRESENTATION BY THE INTERSTATE 73 COALITION, LLC – MR. JOHN STIRRUP**

Mr. Hall said in May, the Board entered into a contract with the Interstate 73 Coalition, LLC to advocate on the federal and state levels for the building of Interstate 73. This coalition is a collection of affected localities, including Roanoke County, Roanoke City, Franklin County, Henry County, and Martinsville, under the direction of governmental affairs firm Alcalde and Fay, LLC.

John Stirrup with Alcalde and Fay was present to provide an update to the Board. Mr. Stirrup outlined the ways in which the coalition is gaining support for the highway, which includes educating lawmakers about the project's benefits on the state and federal level, developing and implementing a communications plan to raise awareness of the project, and aligning the county's transportation interests with that of localities in western and Southside Virginia that strongly support the construction of I-73.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Mark Heath, President and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, was present to make the monthly update to the Board. Mr. Heath reviewed a summary of activities by division (Copy included in Board's File).

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION RE: EXTENSION OF THE DICK AND WILLIE TRAIL**

Mr. Hall said in October 2014 the Board authorized an application to the Virginia's Transportation Alternatives (MAP-21) grant program asking for funding assistance to extend the Dick and Willie Trail. The request for funding was recently approved and last month, the Board accepted and appropriated \$228,000 in MAP-21 funding to be augmented by \$57,000 local match for a total project cost of \$285,000.

Mr. Hall said staff is now asking the Board to approve another application to the MAP-21 program for an additional \$400,000. This application requires a commitment from the County to provide \$100,000 in local match, some of which can be done in-kind. Mr. Hall said if the County receives less than the requested amount, the local match would be reduced by a similar percentage.

Mr. Hall said this application is part of Phase 6 of the project, which will span approximately five miles, ultimately connecting the existing trail to the Smith River Soccer Complex. Based on planning considerations and funding milestones Phase 6 is divided into Phase 6A and Phase 6B to expedite the project. Phase 6A is the focus of this application, which will extend from the existing trail to Spruce Street (approximately 2.5 miles). The scope of improvements will include a parking trailhead, a 10' wide paved trail, grading and drainage improvements, signage, amenities, restrooms, landscaping, and restoration.

Mr. Hall said a resolution indicating the Board's authorization of the application is required as part of the application process. Mr. Adams moved that the Board adopt the proposed resolution in support of the grant application, and authorize County staff to execute all documents related to the project, seconded by Ms. Buchanan and unanimously carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN FOR I-PADS AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

Mr. Hall said for the past several years the Board has authorized an employee program, in cooperation with the Henry County School System, to purchase laptop computers and I-Pads through a payroll deduction plan. Each participating employee would sign a contract for the transaction and would be obligated to pay the amount even if they leave employment during the six-month period.

Mr. Bryant moved the Board approve the computer purchase plan option for employees, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: STATE REFUND – REGISTRAR’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said General Registrar Elizabeth Stone is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation of \$3,500 received from the Commonwealth of Virginia for reimbursement of expenses related to purchasing ADA-approved equipment. The funds will be used to purchase additional ADA-approved equipment.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation as outlined.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: FIRE PROGRAMS AID TO LOCALITIES – PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Hall said Matt Tatum, Director of Public Safety, is asking the Board to accept and appropriate \$152,346 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs Aid to Localities Fund. In the past, Henry County has allocated its appropriation equally among the eight volunteer fire departments. That would result in a per-department allocation of \$19,043.25 this year.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Mr. Kendall, the Board voted unanimously to accept and appropriate the funds as requested.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: JAG GRANT - SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said the Sheriff’s Office has been awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$22,598. Sheriff Perry indicates that the grant funds will be used to provide high impact law enforcement activities in areas that are experiencing increases in crime. The funds are to provide overtime for additional personnel to work these directed enforcement areas.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously voted to accept and appropriate the JAG Grant in the amount of \$22,598.

#### **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE: FINGERPRINTING EQUIPMENT – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said Sheriff Perry is asking the Board to award a contract in the amount of \$26,338 to ID Networks, Inc. for LiveScan fingerprinting equipment. This will replace aging equipment at the jail and add new equipment at the courthouse. Mr. Hall said funding for this equipment was appropriated at the August meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Bryant, the Board unanimously approved an award of contract in the amount of \$26,338 to ID Networks.

## **AWARD OF CONTRACT AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Mr. Hall said as part of the FY 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office was allocated \$80,000 for a new case management system. Andrew Nester is asking the Board to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$55,600 to Karpel Solutions for the new system. Mr. Nester also is asking to use the remainder of that \$80,000, up to \$24,400, to update and replace office equipment as outlined in the attached memo.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved awarding the contract as outlined and allowing the remainder of the money to be used to update and replace office equipment.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RE: PRE-GRADING PROJECT FOR NEW COLLINSVILLE DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mr. Hall said Dr. Jared Cotton is asking the Board to approve an additional appropriation for the pre-grading project for the new Collinsville District elementary school. Haymes Brothers of Chatham provided the lowest base bid of \$484,000. Three additional alternate items concerning additional grading procedures were provided outside the base bid, and would bring the total bid to \$542,500 if needed. Mr. Hall said Henry County would be reimbursed for this expense from any bond proceeds realized as part of the financing for the project and through the Reimbursement Resolution the Board approved in June.

Mr. Hall said in order to stay on schedule for a potential opening of fall 2017, it's necessary this work begin no later than the first of December. The School Board anticipates awarding the contract for the pre-grading at its meeting November 5, so any action taken by the Board today should be contingent on the School Board awarding the grading contract November 5.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Mr. Slaughter, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation, not to exceed \$542,500, for the base bid and three alternate bids, to Haymes Brothers, contingent on School Board action November 5 to award the grading contract.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Comments from the Board**

Ms. Buchanan said her annual Coat Drive for Kids is underway and new and used coats can be dropped off at Martinizing Dry Cleaning locations. Ms. Buchanan also thanked Ben Williams with the Martinsville Bulletin for his recent article promoting the coat drive.

Mr. Vaughn commented that race weekend is coming up and asked everyone to help visitors to the area feel welcome. Mr. Vaughn also reminded citizens to vote on November 3.

Mr. Hall said the groundbreaking ceremony for the new school will be November 5 at 1 p.m.; Mr. Hall asked Board members to be at the Administration Building by 12:45 to load the bus.

Mr. Hall said the National Jr. College Men's Soccer Championship will be held at the Smith River Sports Complex November 15-21. Mr. Hall said this will bring a lot of visitors to the area.

Mr. Hall reported that the County's Enterprise Zone status was renewed thanks to the diligent efforts of Wade Nester.

Lastly, Mr. Hall said during the school design presentation last week, there was considerable discussion about the size of the proposed gymnasium. Mr. Hall said School Board members had the same concerns and it seems to be the general consensus that everyone would like to see a full-size gym in the new school. Mr. Hall said if that is the Board's desire, staff will convey that to the School Board so the architect can include the full-size gym as an alternative add-on.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Slaughter moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 4:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously carried to discuss the following.

- 1) §2.2-3711(A)1 for Discussion of Appointees to the Patriot Centre Advisory Board and Southern Area Agency on Aging Board.
- 2) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- 3) §2.2-3711(A)3 for Discussion of the Acquisition/Disposal of Real Estate.
- 4) §2.2-3711(A)5 for Discussion of As-Yet Unannounced Industries.
- 5) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of Special Awards.

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to an open meeting at 5:58 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Wagoner read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote. Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Bryant, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Adams, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Vaughn.

Southern Area Agency on Aging – On a motion by Mr. Kendall and second by Mr. Adams, the Board unanimously appointed Rachel Crews to a three-year term ending November 1, 2018.

Fieldale Community Center – On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and second by Mr. Adams, the Board unanimously approved a real estate sales contract with Fieldale Heritage, Inc. for the sale of the Fieldale Community Center for the purchase price of \$10.00.

Mr. Vaughn welcomed everyone to the 6 p.m. meeting.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN RIDGEWAY DISTRICT**

Mr. Vaughn said he requested this item be placed on the agenda concerning possible safety upgrades at the intersection of Greensboro Road/Lee Ford Camp Road/ Church Street in Ridgeway.

Ms. Buchanan read aloud the proposed resolution and moved the Board adopt it as presented and authorize staff to send it to VDOT for its consideration, seconded by Mr. Kendall and unanimously carried.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Ms. Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, updated the Board on several general highway matters.

Ms. Hughes said that a VDOT Fall Transportation Meeting will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Valley View Holiday Inn in Roanoke.

In response to Mr. Vaughn's request last month concerning traffic back-up at Drewry Mason, Ms. Hughes said she had spoken with the director of transportation for the school system and he said he would work with the principal to try and stagger pick-up times.

### **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC**

Max Kendall, Iriswood District, and member of the I-73 Committee of Martinsville-Henry County, addressed the Board concerning his dissatisfaction with VDOT for not providing the information that would allow the County to submit an application for the I-73 road project.

Skip Ressel, Iriswood District, and President of the I-73 Committee of Martinsville-Henry County, returned to speak again imploring the Board to put pressure on VDOT to provide the necessary information in order to have the I-73 project scored.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried 6 to 0.